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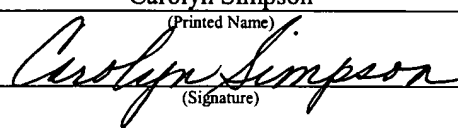
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CONTROL SYSTEM

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A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

DATES

The documents listed on the SB/08 form that refer to this document for information about the date should be assumed to be prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). However, Applicants reserve the right to show that any such reference or portion of such reference is not a 102(b) reference should such a reference be relied upon to reject any of the claims.

RELATED APPLICATIONS

The Examiner is hereby advised of the existence of the applications listed in the table below which share at least some common disclosure with the above-identified patent application and/or which may serve as the basis of priority or otherwise relate to one or more of the other patent applications in the table below. For completeness, the above-identified application is included in the list.

Atty. Dkt. No.	Serial No.	Title of Application
061300-0207	09/500,506 – U.S. Pat. No. 6,553,290	Equipment Service Vehicle Having On-Board Diagnostic System
061300-0210	09/364,690, now abandoned	Firefighting Vehicle Having Cooperative Control Network With Distributed I/O Interfacing
061300-0211	09/384,393, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,421,593	Military Vehicle Having Cooperative Control Network With Distributed I/O Interfacing
061300-0216	09/774,981 now U.S. Pat. No. 6,757,597	A/C Bus Assembly for Electronic Traction Vehicle

061300-0225	09/927,946 – Published App No. 2002/0065594	Control System and Method for an Equipment Service Vehicle
061300-0229	10/364,683 – Published App No. 2003/0163228	Turret Targeting System and Method for a Fire Fighting Vehicle
061300-0230	10/325,439 – Published App No. 2003/0158640	Equipment Service Vehicle With Network-Assisted Vehicle Service and Repair
061300-0231	10/364,905 – Published App No. 2003/0163229	Turret Envelope Control System and Method for a Fire Fighting Vehicle
061300-0232	10/364,668 – Published App No. 2003/0171854	Turret Deployment System and Method for a Fire Fighting Vehicle
061300-0233	10/364,906 – Published App No. 2003/0163230	Turret Operator Interface System and Method for a Firefighting Vehicle
061300-0234	10/326,907 – Published App No. 2003/0158635	Firefighting Vehicle With Network-Assisted Scene Management
061300-0235	10/325,496 – Published App No. 2004/0024502	Equipment Service Vehicle With Remote Monitoring
061300-0246	10/137,585 – Published App No. 2003/0205422	Hybrid Vehicle with Combustion Engine/Electric Motor Drive
061300-0247	10/326,862 now U.S. Pat. No. 6,885,920	Control System and Method for Electric Vehicle
061300-0266	10/460,756 – Published App No. 2004/0039510	Control System and Method for an Equipment Service Vehicle
061300-0272	10/314,918 – Published App No. 2003/0130765	Refuse Vehicle Control System and Method
061300-0355	10/402,381 now U.S. Pat. No. 6,882,917	Steering Control System and Method
061300-0361	10/683,878 – Published App No. 2004/0133319	User Interface and Method for Vehicle Control System

061300-0364	10/668,002 – Published App No. 2004/0055802	Refuse Vehicle Control System and Method
061300-0376	10/412,596 – Published App No. 2004/0019414	Vehicle Control System and Method
061300-0414	10/419,649 – Published App No. 2003/0195680	Equipment Service Vehicle Having On-Board Diagnostic System
061300-0417	10/420,187 – Published App No. 2003/0200015	Equipment Service Vehicle Having On-Board Diagnostic System
061300-0427	10/668,623 – Published App No. 2004/0069865	Turret Positioning System and Method for a Fire Fighting Vehicle
061300-0535	10/962,172 – Published App No. 2005/0131600	Control System and Method for a Concrete Vehicle
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061300-0627	10/903,450 – Published App No. 2005/0004733	Concrete Placement Vehicle Control System and Method
061300-0638	10/950,957 – Published App No. 2005/0119806	System and Method for Breaking in an Electric Vehicle
061300-0642	10/950,977 – Published App No. 2005/0114007	Multi-Network Control System for a Vehicle
061300-0643	10/950,978 – Published App No. 2005/0113988	Failure Mode Operation for an Electric Vehicle
061300-0649	10/915,258 – Published App No. 2005/0038934	Status Indicator for an Energy Storage Device for use with an Electric Vehicle
061300-0651	10/972,085 – Published App No. 2005/0113996	Ambulance Control System and Method
061300-0790	11/108,605	Steering Control System and Method

061300-0813	11/113,470	Control System and Method for Electric Vehicle
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applicants note that due to the commercialization of the subject matter disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,421,593 (“the ’593 patent”), the subject matter disclosed in the ’593 patent and, in particular, the subject matter relating to the configuration and features of the control system 12 (col. 4, line 22 to col. 21, line 39; and col. 30, line 35 to col. 31, line 26) should be considered as being provisionally available as prior art under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102(b). Thus, the Examiner should consider the information described in the ’593 patent as being available to serve as the basis for a prior art rejection should the Examiner believe that such a rejection is in order. However, because some of the features, characteristics, and configurations described in the ’593 patent may not have been included in the commercial embodiments, Applicants reserve the right to take any action which would be appropriate to traverse any such rejection by antedating or otherwise showing that the portion of the ’593 patent relied on is not properly available as prior art.

Applicants also note, in connection with the ’593 patent, that Applicants implemented an arrangement wherein a laptop computer (corresponding to the personal computer 85) was connected to a central control unit (corresponding to the control unit 14) by way of an RS-232 link. The laptop computer was further connected to a remote computer system by way of a telephone modem link. The laptop computer and the remote computer both executed software commonly known by the trade name “pcAnywhere” (a registered trademark of Symantec). The remote computer system was capable of directly examining inputs and directly controlling outputs by way of the telephone modem link and the pcAnywhere remote control software interface. An Internet connection was not used. This arrangement should be considered as prior art under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

An English abstract for EP 1 087 343 states: “The remote car diagnosis system has a car (10) diagnosed by a distant expert system (11). The process has a car diagnostic calculator (14) collecting data from car calculators on a bus. The information is then passed by wireless communication (12) to the expert system using a transmitter/receiver (13) in the car. The expert system then carries out the diagnosis.”

An English abstract for DE 199 29 434 states: “The system uses conventional image acquisition, transmission and image reproduction systems, pref. with a video/audio transmission with a monitor and a return channel. The system has a mobile operation centre contg. a central receiving station for sound and images and a return channel. At least one camera is placed in the hazardous area and connected to a transmitter system that transmits the current events from the hazardous area to the receiver station, pref. by radio. The camera has a receiver enabling control of the camera from the operation centre.”

An English abstract for JP 2000-333160 states: “PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To allow a commanding vehicle to grasp a state of a fire immediately before fire fighters conducting fire fighting activities as an image by a simple and inexpensive means and to allow even a direction center of a fire station to grasp the state. SOLUTION: A small-sized video camera 20 mounted on a helmet 18 of a fire fighter 10 photographs a same direction as a sight line of the fire fighter. A spread spectrum SS radio transmitter 22 adopting specified low power radio communication system transmits an image signal of the camera 20 to an SS radio receiver 24 mounted on a commanding vehicle 12, and an image display device 26 displays the image. Moreover, a 1st mobile phone terminal 44 transmits the image signal received by the SS radio receiver 24 to a 2nd mobile phone terminal 46 installed in a directing center 14, and an image display device 50 displays the image.”

An English abstract for EP 0 949 122 states: “The diagnostic unit has a microprocessor (9) for reading out of fault signals in the fault memory of electronic controls (3,4). The diagnostic

unit works with units of the motor vehicle, to produce a fault diagnosis on the display (10). The diagnostic unit is a combination unit having the speed indicator. The microprocessor has facilities for the automatic monitoring of the fault memory.”

An English abstract for DE 41 11 865 states: “An electronic controller (13,14,15,16) contains a device for controlling a specific part of a motor vehicle and a type information output device which generates a signal corresp. to internally stored type information in response to an external signal. The test system (5) contains the controller and a test device which can be removably connected to it to display the type of electronic controller according to the signal output by the controller. The test device feeds an interrogation signal into the controller.

USE/ADVANTAGE - To enable simple generation of controller type information for controlling e.g. vehicle engine, automatic transmission, suspension, servosteering, navigation, electric windows, etc.”

An English translation of the foreign-language documents is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

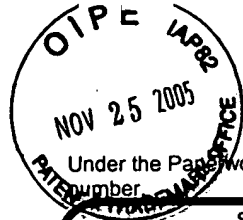
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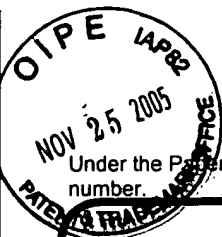
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